GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FRAUD DETECTED BY CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the customs department of Delhi has busted a racket of exporters involved in over-billing the commodities exported causing loss of revenue to the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Departmentof Central Excise and Customs Department of Mumbai have exposed that non-existing exporters in the guise of exports have illegally brought the foreign currency through banking system in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Delhi Customs have detected certain cases in the current financial year in which the exporters were found involved in over-billing the commodities exported to claim higher benefits under duty Drawback and other export related schemes. While 7 firms had wrongfully claimed drawback amount of Rs. 85.81 lakhs, 6 firms were found claiming wrongful credit amounting to Rs. 26.85 lakhs under Duty Entitlement Passbook Scheme.3 persons were arrested during investigation in these cases. Investigations against another 14 firms are also underway, and further action to safeguard Government revenues will be taken as per provisions of law.

(c) & (d): The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence or theDepartment of Central Excise and Customs at Mumbaihave not detected any case of non-existing exporters illegally bringing foreign currency through the banking system in the country in the guise of exports.